



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
 April 12-14, 2018 – Olympia

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**Attendance**

**Commission:**

Brad Smith, Chair  
 Kim Thorburn  
 Barbara Baker  
 Dave Graybill  
 Don McIsaac  
 Jay Kehne  
 Bob Kehoe  
 (only 4/13 & 4/14)  
 Jay Holzmiller  
 (only 4/13 & 4/14)

**Commission Staff:**

Tami Lininger

**Department Staff:**

Joe Stohr, Acting Director  
 Amy Windrope  
 William Frymire, AGO  
 Michael Young, AGO  
 Nate Pamplin  
 Ron Warren  
 Eric Gardner  
 Jeff Davis  
 Randi Thurston  
 Kyle Spragens  
 Jerry Nelson  
 Stephanie Simek  
 Richard Harris  
 Julie Sandberg  
 Dan Brinson

Anis Aoude  
 Bill Tweit  
 Ryan Lothrop  
 Mike Cenci  
 Tina Nisbet  
 Anne Masias  
 Carissa Bourdon  
 Faith Sexton  
 Raquel Crosier  
 Kirt Hughes  
 Cynthia Wilkerson  
 Peter Vernie  
 Jim Brown  
 Brian Calkins  
 Mick Cope

Kathy Backman  
 Kelly Cunningham  
 Tim Burns  
 Craig Burley  
 Nelson Falkenburg  
 Craig Barlett  
 Bruce Botka  
 Steve Bear

**Public:**

Denis DeSilvis  
 Fred Koontz  
 Greg Johnson  
 Robb Krehbiel  
 Todd Lee  
 Heath Heikkila  
 Ryan Melvin  
 Steve Shanewise  
 Randy Good  
 Kim McDonald  
 Scott Atkinson  
 Rollyn Kidd  
 Ron Wesen  
 John Hasty

Anne Kroeker  
 Larry Bucklin  
 Robert Sudar  
 Mike Kaputa  
 Greg Roberts  
 LeeAnne Kane  
 Dan Miller  
 Steve Jones  
 Teresa Jonassen  
 Steve Miller  
 Shawn Doyle  
 Steve Carpenter  
 Bill Schmidt

Greg Mueller  
 Jim Cahill  
 Ken Miller  
 Martha Jordan  
 Kyle Cline  
 Brian Allison  
 Mike Wofford  
 John Jonasson  
 Colleen Mayer  
 Kevin Kerwien  
 Thomas Bemis  
 Peter Anderson  
 Nick Chambers

Butch Smith  
 Bryce Divine  
 Clifford Kellogg  
 Jason Bolser  
 Jim Sutton  
 Chris Wichers  
 William Ashcraft  
 Janis Schweitzer  
 Scott Brown  
 Gabriel Scott  
 Jim Burrage  
 Lee Poquette  
 Jennifer Gould

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**1. Advisory Committee for Americans with Disabilities Report to the Commission**

Advisory Committee members Carol Evanoff, Dan Dickerson, Ron Zubrick, Charles Grijalva, Rick Spring and Melissa Espinosa provided the Commission with updates on work they are doing in their regions.

**2. Commission Workshop**

Commissioners discussed various topics including:

- Commission workshop topics document and Commission committee process

**3. 2017 – 19 Proviso Update and Workshop**

Policy Director Nate Pamplin introduced members of the Budget and Advisory Committee - Fred Koontz, Butch Smith, Greg Mueller, Andy Marks and Jen Syrowitz. The members shared their perspectives and draft findings regarding the Department's budget status and future needs.

**4. Open Public Meetings Act, Public Disclosure and Public Records Training**

Assistant Attorney Generals Michael Young and Bill Frymire provided the Commission with required training on the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records and Public Disclosure requirements.

Added Item

**Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met in Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action was be taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**5. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion**

The Commissioners discussed the following items:

- Invitation to attend upcoming Wolf Advisory Group meetings

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the March 15-17, 2018 meeting.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

**c. Committee Reports**

Commissioner Kehne highlighted the topics from the Wildlife Committee:

- Update on Grizzly Bear recovery in North Cascades EIS
- Update on wildlife rehabilitation WAC revision process and related activities
- Discussion of 3-year recommendations
- Snoqualmie Dog Training update

Commissioner Kehoe highlighted the topics from the Fish Committee:

- Columbia River Policy review – progress report
- Dungeness crab briefing

**6. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Ken Miller – Bear damage

Clifford Kellogg - Falconry & hunter orange

Robb Krehbiel – Bear ID test

Martha Jordan – Thank you & dog park training

Jason Bolser – Elk archery

Robert Sudar – Columbia River

**7. Director's Report**

The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various topics including:

Updates on recent meetings  
Legislative discussions in regions  
Staff changes  
WAFWA summer meeting in Eugene, OR  
Upcoming Management staff and Regional meetings  
Skagit River catch and release  
Bonneville Dam sea lion management  
Priest Rapids dam  
Wolf legislative items  
NOF/PFMC updates and thanks by Ron Warren

**8. Land Transaction**

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager briefed the Commission on the acquisition of property in Chelan County and a proposed utility easement in King County and requested approval.

Mike Kaputa, Chelan County provided comments.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the transaction in Chelan County as presented. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the utility easement in King County as presented. Motion passed.**

**9. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations – Decision**

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved to amend WAC 2520-416-060 and WAC 220-413-100 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill – all were in favor. Motion passed.**

**10. Hunting Boundaries – Decision**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on hunting boundaries.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-415-040; WAC 220-415-010; WAC 220-410-050; WAC 220-413-180; and WAC 220-413-030 as presented. Motion passed.**

**11. Hunting Equipment – Decision**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on hunting equipment.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-414-060 as presented. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker to amend WAC 220-413-070 as presented. Motion passed.**

**12. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits - Decision**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-415-020 and WAC 220-415-030 as presented. Motion passed.**

**13. Elk General Seasons and Special Permits - Decision**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to amend WAC 220-415-050 and WAC 220-415-060 as presented. Motion passed.**

**14. Requirements for Sealing Pelts - Decision**

Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on the requirements for sealing pelts.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-400-050 as presented. Motion passed.**

**15. Black Bear Seasons – Decision**

Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on black bear seasons.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to amend WAC 220-415-080 and WAC 220-415-090 as presented. Motion passed.**

**16. Cougar Seasons – Decision**

Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on cougar seasons.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-415-100 as presented. Motion passed.**

**17. Moose Seasons – Decision**

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on moose seasons.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-412-080 and WAC 220-415-070 as presented. Motion passed.**

**18. Mountain Goat Seasons – Decision**

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on mountain goat seasons.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker to amend WAC 220-415-130 as presented. Motion passed.**

**19. Bighorn Sheep Seasons – Decision**

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on bighorn sheep seasons.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller to amend WAC 220-412-070 and WAC 220-415-120 as presented. Motion passed.**

**20. Small Game and Hunter Orange Requirements - Decision**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on small game seasons.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to amend WAC 220-414-080 and WAC 220-416-010 as presented. Motion passed.**

**21. Landowner Hunting Permits – Decision**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on landowner hunting permits.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to amend WAC 220-412-100 as presented. Motion passed.**

**22. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Rule Package – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Sam Taylor, High Risk Programs Manager provided a briefing and took public comments on several new regulations and amendments to clarify concerns regarding shooting from the roadway, trapping and creation of an appeals process for suspension of a special use permit.

No one provided testimony.

**23. Geoduck Rules – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Trisha Anderson, Licensing Division Business Analyst, Peter Vernie, Licensing Division Manager and Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager provided a briefing, heard public comments and requested approval for changes to geoduck rules.

No one provided testimony.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to amend WAC 220-340-070 as presented. Motion passed.**

**24. Commercial Fish Receiving Ticket Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Corey Niles, Coastal Marine Resource Lead and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief briefed the Commission and heard public comments on proposed changes to create a voluntary fish receiving ticket program, expand mandatory electronic reporting for a few types of deliveries and restructure rules for clarity and simplification.

**25. Results of the 2017 Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing**

Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief provided the annual briefing on the Puget Sound Dungeness crab fishery.

**26. Southern Resident Killer Whale Briefing and Possible Policy Guidance**

Penny Becker, Killer Whale Policy Lead briefed the Commission on efforts to recover Southern Resident Killer Whales.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**27. Future Meeting Planning**

Commissioners discussed the June 2018 meeting agenda.

**28. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

John Jonasson – Nooksak Elk herd	Janis Schweitzer – Nooksak Elk herd damage
Ron Wesen – Elk damage on private property	Randy Good – Elk damage
Bill Schmidt – Elk property damage/safety issues	John Hasty – ADA issues
Colleen Mayer – Puget Sound Wildcare	Jennifer Gould – Puget Sound Wildcare

**29. Rulemaking Options and Possible Timeline for Motorized Mineral Prospecting Methods – Briefing, Public Hearing and Possible Decision**

Jeff Davis, Habitat Assistant Director and Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager briefed the Commission on further aspects of motorized mineral prospecting, including how extensive the activity is in Washington, the enforceability of the current rule, the extent of the threat from aquatic invasive species resulting from movement of mineral prospecting equipment around the state, comparison of Washington and neighboring states' regulations, and options and possible timeline for rule development.

The following people provided testimony:

Steve Jones	Scott Brown	Nick Chambers
Steve Miller	Gabriel Scott	Scott Atkinson

**30. WDFW Director Recruitment**

The Commissioners discussed the next steps in the director recruitment process.

**31. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following items:

**Commissioner Baker made a motion for a blue sheet briefing on wolf management updates, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

Commissioner Kehne requested updates and progress reports on the Skagit County elk issues.

Commissioner Mclsaac requested additional information be provided on the 4/20/18 conference call in regards to the comments from Robert Sudar.

**32. Executive Session – This item was removed**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant